

REVIEW REPORT

Title: **Preparing for the inevitable earthquake risk in Dhaka: A physiatrist's perspective**

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- 1. Comment** The manuscript lacks a clear action plan for rehabilitation response. I suggest the inclusion of preparedness framework including workforce audit, hospital triage, community rehabilitation, and supply chain as suggested.

Response: We have introduced a structured physiatrist-led rehabilitation preparedness framework on lines no: 62-70. Incorporated key concepts including: Functional triage, workforce limitations, system-level gaps. Additionally, Figure 1 (Rehabilitation preparedness framework) has been included to visually represent the action plan on lines no: 128-134.

Due to strict word limits (Perspective article), detailed operational bullet points were synthesised into a conceptual framework (Figure 1) rather than extended text.
- 2. Comment** Clarification
Psychological and community-based elements are implicitly integrated within the framework (Figure 1) to maintain brevity that required further clarification.

Response: We expanded the section on vulnerable populations on lines no: 71-76, where explicitly addressed disability-inclusive disaster response, continuity of care, and assistive device dependency.
- 3. Comment** Please include updated references for action planning.

Response: We have incorporated:
Recent 2023–2025 disaster rehabilitation literature
New and strengthened references included in the revised manuscript are:
Uddin et al. (Bangladesh landslide)
Aycicek *et al.* (Türkiye earthquake)
Amatya and Khan (rehabilitation systems)

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- 6. Comment** The objective needs further elaboration.

Response: We added a clear objective statement: "This study examines the rehabilitation preparedness in Dhaka and proposes a practical, physiatrist-led framework for integrating rehabilitation into disaster response" on lines no: 36-37.
- 7. Comment** Please include local data and global evidence .

Response: We Addressed this by adding Bangladesh-specific evidence.
Including:
Bangladesh landslide rehabilitation data (Uddin et al.) on lines no: 49-51.
Local system limitation statement.
Contextual extrapolation (clearly acknowledged).
- 8. Comment** Mention the role of Physiatrist.

Response: We expanded physiatrist roles explicitly on lines no: 56-57.
- 9. Comment** Please add comparative and global evidence.

Response: We added following comparative sentence on lines no: 57-59.
- 10. Comment** The inclusion need to be strengthen.

Response: The reviewer's suggested article has been included: Hasan MI et al., KYAMC Journal 2026; Reference no 7, on lines no: 119-121
And properly cited in: Workforce/system limitation paragraph on lines no: 68-69.
- 11. Comment** English language and readability .

Response: Manuscript has undergone: Professional language refinement, sentence restructuring for clarity, removal of redundancy and overstatement, confirmed compliance with journal academic tone.